

CARTERET COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

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TO: Marriage Applicants

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Congratulations on your upcoming marriage!

Due to the importance of this occasion, we ask for your help in making sure that **both copies** of your marriage license, completed in full, are returned promptly to this office **within 10 days** from the marriage date. Please read the following information carefully:

- You must marry **in North Carolina within 60 days** from the issuance date of this marriage license in the presence of those statutorily authorized to perform such marriage as set out in N.C.G.S. 51-1.
- North Carolina requires **2** witnesses to the marriage ceremony. **Both witnesses are to sign both copies of the marriage license, print or type their names, and indicate their mailing addresses.**
- After the ceremony, please check the marriage license to be sure all boxes have been completed and signatures obtained. Remind the officiate to return **both copies** of the completed marriage license to this office in the enclosed envelope **within 10 days** from the marriage ceremony. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$200.00.

A certified copy of your marriage license can be obtained from our office after it is returned to us by the officiate for a fee of \$10.00 per certified copy. You may visit our office or the Carteret County website at www.carteretcountync.gov to download a request form in order to request a certified copy by mail. Be sure to include photo identification; a stamped, self-addressed envelope; and the \$10.00 which will need to be a money order or certified bank check.

My staff and I feel it is an honor and privilege to share in this happy occasion. If you have any questions or need our assistance, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We wish you a lifetime of happiness!